



Richmond Parish News

Sunday 19 May 2019



Theme: Theological Flexibility; when the Holy Spirit changes the rules
Priest in Charge: Revd. Ian Smith
Preacher: Barb Lash
Readings: Acts 11: 1-18; John 13:31-35

Sentence:

Let them all praise the name of Yahweh, for his name and no other is sublime, transcending earth and Heaven in majesty, raising the fortunes of his people, to the praise of the devout, of Israel, the people dear to him.
- Psalm 148: 13-14 Jerusalem Bible

Prayer for the day:

Alleluia, King Eternal; love marks your presence:
plant in us your love; nurture in us your likeness;
and let us reflect your glory; through Jesus Christ

our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



From the Priest in Charge:

A very warm welcome to our services at Holy Trinity this morning, and especially to Barb Lash who will be speaking at both of our services. I have to say Barb is very privileged to be speaking today as this reading from Acts is my all time favourite to preach!!! But I do get to write a little here!

Theological flexibility is something we all should all be struggling with. Even a very general reading of scripture shows the directions taken, and the advice given by God is often changed from one generation to another. In today's reading, just when this new body of believers in the resurrection of Jesus think you have a theologian position worth defending, the Holy Spirit comes

and changes the rules. Laws that applied yesterday are no longer required. How do we deal with this? The simple answer is that the moment we try to do this - we fail!

This is surely why the worshipping communities that were being set up in the Greco-Roman world looked nothing like those in the previous covenant God made with Israel. This flexibility is being asked of many of us here at Holy Trinity as well. We all know the 'comfortable' shape of worship we were raised with but how many of us are asking how this might change to embrace those the Spirit wants to bring to us in the next six months. Will the hall where we celebrated so many events in yesteryears be utilised in our new hall the same way in the years ahead? After today's talk we may think not!

Arohanui,

Ian

Prayer - The Church is open for prayer tomorrow Monday from 9.00am - 2.00pm. All are welcome.

Honey - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.50/1kg \$15.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

Offering Receipts - Offering Receipts are available at the back of the church. Any queries contact the office.

Fundraising - Have you been a fundraiser in the past or would like to learn? We would be delighted if you could help with making applications. If you are interested in helping please talk with Shiona Frengley Ph. 544 4155. Please pray for the applications in process.

Hall opening preparation - Can you sew a straight seam? How are you at turning and pressing? I have an idea for decorating our hall with bunting, but it depends on having enough people willing to help! Are you interested? If so please contact Shiona Ph. 544 4155

Parents Wanted - The Open Home Foundation are presently looking for Foster Parents for vulnerable children in the Nelson / Blenheim region. If you would like to know more about this ministry opportunity please contact me; Steven Dunne email - steven.dunne@ohf.org.nz or phone 021 408 6162.

Food Bank - Thanks for for all your contributions to the Food Bank. Grateful thanks to St Alban's for their generous donation of goods from their Harvest Festival. We are overstocked with rolled oats, Weetbix and tinned fruit. We need toilet rolls, soap, laundry powder, pasta, pasta sauce and biscuits. Thanks. - *Ellie*

Afternoon AAW Group - The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 22 May at 1.30pm at the back of the Church. Shiona Frengley will be our guest speaker. Her topic is Grandparents raising grandchildren. Afternoon tea will follow. Please bring a small plate to share if convenient. There will be a Sales Table and a box for any contributions to the Food Bank. (Note: Items most needed at the moment are toilet rolls, soap, laundry powder, pasta and pasta sauce). Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie Ph.544 6921.

Evening AAW Group - The next meeting is 7.30pm Thursday 23 May in the Church. The speaker is Val Whyte whose theme is *After the Earthquake Diocesan Building Programme*. All women are welcome. Ivy Price Ph. 544 5405

CMS Evening - You are invited to hear CMS outgoing National Director Steve Maina sharing highlights of his 10 years with NZCMS. 6.00pm Friday 24 May. All welcome. Please bring food for a shared meal. 7.00pm Steve speaking. All Saints Foyer 30 Vanguard St, Nelson Ph. Lois Mills 027 433 1213



WARNING Burn Hazard

Under seat heaters are on during services. Please do not touch - *they are hot!*

Prayers for the Week

The World - We continue to pray for political stability in Venezuela, Sudan, Yemen and Syria, may peace, justice and real freedom come to these lands and may the local people be those making the choices for their future not outside powers. We also pray for peace in Sri Lanka where anti-Moslem violence has flared up following the recent church bombings.

We praise God for His wonderful provision of a safe new home and life for Asia Bibi and her family in Canada. We pray that there will be no unrest on the streets of Pakistan in the wake of this announcement. We also pray that her lawyer and all connected with her acquittal will be protected from harm in Pakistan.

We also continue to pray for the aftermath of severe cyclones in parts of south-east Africa, especially Mozambique, where whole villages have been swept away and the poorest area of south-east India which has also been affected by a large cyclone. Foster the efforts of all who seek to bring food, shelter and medical aid, especially to areas where houses and crops have been lost and serious erosion has occurred due to heavy rain.

Missions - We thank you for Lyn Ashby's ministry in the Middle East. We thank you that she was able to celebrate her birthday recently. We thank you also for the successful rebooking of her flights to Cyprus on June 16th. We pray for the work in the refugee camps, especially for the work with those suffering-post traumatic stress disorder following their treatment by ISIS. Give the team sensitivity to your Spirit as they seek to bring light into darkness. We ask that you will provide a house for the single men in the team.

Diocese - We pray for the ministry of Motueka Parish with Russell and Anna Pickersgill-Brown and their team. We thank you for the many children that come to their Messy Church and other children's activities. Grant wisdom as they seek to build meaningful and gospel fruitful connections with the families of these children. May the church see real breakthroughs in this area.

Local church - We thank you for the ministry of the local Lutheran churches in Hope and Upper Moutere. Bless and encourage their lives as local churches but also as they seek to relate in meaningful ways to their communities.

Parish - We thank you for Jeff Odhiambo, his wife Alicia and their children Elle and Miles, help them to really feel one with us, to learn much of how to run a parish well and to be blessed and encouraged in their time with us.

We thank you for all the Staff Team and pray that you will continue to equip them for their service, encourage unity and fruitful interaction among them. Help them to see where your Spirit is working within and outside the church walls and to see how we can, as a church, join in your mission.

Raise up we pray, someone with a God inspired passion for working with children and families that we might see growth in this area.

We thank you for the recent progress on the new building. Guide the Vestry as it considers expenditure for the Hall fit out and how the new Hall can be used in the missional activities of this church.

Those in need - For those we know who are suffering at this time, may they know your peace, comfort and healing. We pray particularly for those who mourn the loss of close family. All these prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

This Week...

Monday 20 May

9.00am Church Open for Prayer
9.30am Friends 'n Fun

Tuesday 21 May

10.00am Fortnightly Women's Group (B Page)
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill (Salvation Army Hall)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

Wednesday 22 May

10.00am Holy Communion
12.00pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday Group (J South)
1.30pm AAW Afternoon Group (J McConachie)

Thursday 23 May

9.30am Friends 'n Fun
12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)
1.00pm Ticking the Boxes: *Lets Sing Out*
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)

7.30pm AAW Evening Group (I Price)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Sunday 26 May

9.00am Morning Worship
10.30am Holy Communion

*For more information about services or groups
contact the office Ph. 544 8844.*

St Albans' Appleby Services

10.30am Sunday 26 May	Morning Worship	Leader - Rev Ian Smith
10.30am Sunday 9 June	Holy Communion	Leader - TBA

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is -
03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 26 May *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am	J South	10.30am	F Summerfield
Reader:	9.00am	B Lash, S Entwistle	10.30am	L Milligan, T Summerfield
Sidesperson:	9.00am	J Lines	10.30am	M Ross
Welcomer:	9.00am	S Entwistle	10.30am	S Milligan
Chalice:	9.00am	N/A	10.30am	J Green, M Ross, L Summerfield
Tea:		M Mercer, S Paine		
Flowers:		R Armstrong	Crèche	S Milligan

Theme for Next Sunday: How do we make sense of all this God stuff: discerning the gift of life in us
Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 16: 9-15; John 14: 23-29

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